

In the Claims

1. (Original) A method of treating a surface populated by a bacteria capable of producing a biofilm which comprises contacting the surface with a substance having N-acyl homoserine lacone degradant activity obtained from the secretions/excretions of *Lucilia sericata*.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method ~~according to~~of claim 1, wherein the surface is selected from metal surfaces, glass surfaces and the surfaces of plastics materials.
3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method ~~according to~~of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the surface is the surface of a medical device or implant.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method ~~according to~~of claim 1, wherein the surface is a wound surface.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method ~~according to any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~to 4~~, wherein the bacteria capable of producing a biofilm is *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* or *Staphylococcus aureus*.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method ~~according to any one of claims~~claim 1 ~~to 5~~, wherein the substance is provided in a composition which additionally comprises one or more antibiotic compound.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method ~~according to~~of claim 6, wherein the antibiotic compound is tetracycline.
8. (Original) An antimicrobial composition comprising secretions/excretions isolated from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof and one or more antibiotic compound.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The composition ~~according to~~of claim 8, wherein the antibiotic compound is tetracycline.

10. (Original) A composition comprising, as an active component, a substance having N-acyl homoserine lactone-degradant activity isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle, for the degradation of biofilms.

11. (Original) A composition comprising, as an active component, a serine proteinase isolated from secretion/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle, for the degradation of biofilms.

12. (Original) A composition comprising, as an active component, a glycosidase isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle, for the degradation of biofilms.

13. (Original) An antimicrobial composition comprising, as an active component, a substance having cecropin-like activity isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The composition ~~according to any one of claims~~claim 10 ~~to 13~~ which additionally comprises one or more antibiotic compound.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The composition ~~according to~~of claim 14, wherein the antibiotic compound is tetracycline.

16. (Original) An antimicrobial composition comprising cell-free haemolymph obtained from *Lucilia sericata* larvae grown in the presence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, or

one or more active constituent of said haemolymph or a synthetic analogue of such constituent.

17. (Currently Amended) A wound dressing comprising a composition ~~according to any one of claims 8 to 16~~ selected from the group consisting of a substance having N-acyl homoserine lactone-degradant activity, a serine proteinase, a glycosidase and a substance having cecropin-like activity wherein the composition is isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier.

18. (New) The wound dressing of claim 17 further comprising one or more antibiotic compounds.